



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (LPCC) MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2016

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Arizona State Capitol Executive Tower
Third Floor Conference Room
1700 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

PENDING APPROVAL

Council Members, Liaisons and Participants Present

C.T. Wright, (LPCC Chairman) Becky Brimhall-Lepire, George Evanoff, Patsy Gillis, Deborah Hankerd, Doyle Meredith, Lisa O'Neill, Trudy Schuett, Steve Wagner, Christine Bryson-Lazo, Pauline Kommenich, Michele Michaels, Brittany Page, Kathy Rood and Shawn Trobia

Council Members Absent

Diane Joens, Melinda Preston

Council Staff Present

Lizette Cordero, Cathy De Lisa

Guests Present

Thomas Chenal, Assistant Attorney General

Welcome, introductions, review & approval of 3.11.2016 draft minutes

Committee Chair C.T. Wright called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with a welcome and introductions then asked for a review of the May 13, 2016 draft meeting minutes. *Becky Brimhall-Lepire made a motion to approve the draft minutes as presented; Doyle Meredith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Review & discussion of legislation

Committee Chairman Wright began the review and discussion of legislation by referring to SB1196: silver alert; Alzheimer's disease as an example of legislation tracked by GACA that was signed by the Governor during the last session then invited input from others. The Committee Chairman directed those in attendance to the wrap-up report updated by GACA staff

for the meeting, and invited Executive Director Cathy De Lisa to provide any further comment on bills marked as new to the list. The Executive Director (ED) highlighted several bills, demonstrated how to find additional information online through the FULL List tracking link, and concluded by referencing draft federal appropriations legislation in the House that maintains funding for SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) and SCSEP (Senior Community Service Employment Program).

A copy of the wrap-up report is available for review through the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging office.

LPCC 2016 objectives – discussion and action to be taken

The Committee Chair invited Vice Chair, Lisa O'Neill to lead dialogue on the LPCC objectives as revised from discussions at the May LPCC meeting. A question was raised on how the supportive statement for the Silver Alert legislation expansion might be used, and the ED offered examples. *Lisa O'Neill made a motion to recommend to GACA the support statement for the Silver Alert legislation expansion. Doyle Meredith seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.*

By general consensus, the group acknowledged the importance of bipartisan efforts and support for a workgroup on senior issues.

Following a review of the objectives and discussion on work that has been occurring, *Lisa O'Neill made a motion to recommend to GACA the LPCC objectives for 2016. Deborah Hankerd seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.*

Assignment of tasks prior to next September LPCC meeting

Pending approval by the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging:

Objectives #1 and #2: regarding steps to achieve the objectives, Executive Director De Lisa requested on-going assistance to track federal legislation and assistance to track state legislation during the next session. Steve Wagner, Kathy Rood and Christine Bryson-Lazo offered to assist and Becky Brimhall-Lepire indicated she would help during any special sessions. The Executive Director agreed to follow up with each volunteer to learn what specific topic(s) each member would be willing to research and share.

Objective #3: the draft supportive statement for the Silver Alert legislation expansion will be included in efforts to publicize GACA. (Ideas discussed included a letter of gratitude to Senator Griffin from the GACA Chair, information on the GACA website and individual GACA members' social media postings.)

Objective #4: The GACA Chair will accompany Committee Chair C.T. Wright in follow up discussions to secure bipartisan support for the work group; George Evanoff and Lisa O'Neill will continue working on efforts in Tucson and southern Arizona.

Objective #5: New GACA member, Steve Wagner has been appointed by the GACA Chair to serve as representative to the Attorney General's Task Force Against Elder Abuse/TASA for the Council since he has been a member of the TASA.

Report out & discussion on LPCC-related research, conferences, workshops, seminars, training opportunities, best practices, etc.

Pauline Kommenich reported on work being done with community colleges around training for caregivers to be better prepared for family caregiving.

Michele Michaels reminded attendees of the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing study presentation to GACA at the 1:00 p.m. meeting.

Shawn Trobia reported that the AARP Fraud Watch network materials and training has proven effective and encouraged attendees to pick up the booklets provided on the sign-in table.

Lisa O'Neill reported the Arizona Geriatrics Society was holding their conference "Self-Care for the Health Professional: Practicing What We Teach" on Friday, July 29 at the Black Canyon Conference Center in Phoenix.

Becky Brimhall-Lepire reported she would be attending the Arizona Fiduciary Conference in Flagstaff this month that includes new advance directives and new fiduciary policies.

Steve Wagner reported on the University of Arizona Medical School in Phoenix CPR University two-day program for clinicians.

Patsy Gillis reported she's doing work related to crime victims and bullying prevention.

George Evanoff reported on participation in the Tucson Elder Alliance that is working on advance directives with the End-of-Life Coalition.

Deborah Hankerd reported the Senior Center in Tombstone provides 1,000 meals per month.

Brittany Page reported the Arizona Health Care Association recently held their annual conference that offers education for staff working in skilled nursing and assisted living that includes prevention of elder abuse.

Cathy De Lisa displayed links to the news release on assistive technology in the Arizona State Legislature, reported on the \$1.5 million award to the City of Phoenix for affordable housing and economic growth in the Edison-Eastlake community, and shared a flyer on the Area Agency on Aging's update workshops in July.

Updates from the Attorney General's Office; TASA and discussion

Assistant Attorney General Tom Chenal provided updates on the work of that office including efforts by TASA. Legislative accomplishment cited: SB1375: telephone solicitations helps prosecute those calling out of state and prior legislation helped mandate disclosures from those hired as caregivers. Ongoing efforts include making Do Not Resuscitate orders accessible to first responders, heightened penalties for elder abuse, and multi-disciplinary protocols on elder abuse spearheaded by Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG). Other ideas include a death review committee like that for children that does statistical/data review pertaining specifically to older adults, and creating a checklist for family members on where to start when older family members need help.

Adjourn

Committee Chair C.T. Wright adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Legislative & Policy Coordinating Committee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for September 9, 2016; time and location to be confirmed and announced by public meeting notice at the GACA website:

<http://govtrans.az.gov/gaca/>. These meetings are open to the public.

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